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TELEGRAPHIC.

WINNIPEG, Jan. 17, 1881.

It is believed that the tender of the new Syndicate took a formal shape at the meeting of members held in Toronto on the 13th.

The bonus asked will be 22,000,000 acres and \$22,000,000. They are willing to release the Government from liability to build the road through the Rocky Mountains, which will cost over \$12,000,000. They do not ask to import material free nor exemption of either road or land from municipal taxation. They have no objection to construction of branch lines by any body in any direction. No monopoly of traffic wanted by controlling outlets from the north-west. Reductions of subsidy entirely on prairie sections, and are willing to postpone eastern as well as mountain section. They offer to construct Sault Ste. Marie section for a bonus of \$12,000 per mile.

The names mentioned as having signed the new offer are two Howlands, McMaster and Cooke of Toronto, McLaren and Gilmore of Ottawa, Hendrie, Proctor and Wood of Hamilton, Larkin of St. Catharines, Walker of London, Carruthers of Kingston, Stevenson of Montreal, Ross of Winnipeg, Gibson of New Brunswick and Loveatt of Nova Scotia.

Eleven notices of new railway enterprises in the north-west are given on the Commons' notice paper.

The Department of Agriculture has been requested to supply the Imperial Government with particulars respecting means of providing homes for immigrants to Canada, especially in Manitoba and the North West.

Should the Government decide to adopt a scheme of assisting emigration from Galway and Mayo, Ireland, it is not unlikely that the Dominion Government will be asked to assist emigrants in settling on arriving in this country besides granting free land.

WINNIPEG, Jan. 22, 1881.

Thos. Spence, Clerk of the Manitoba Legislature is appointed Census Commissioner of the North-West Territories.

Alex. Sproat, of Walkerton, Ont., is appointed registrar of the new registration district of Prince Albert.

Stipendiary Magistrate Ryan is here.

Wm. L. Hardisty, brother of Richard Hardisty, Edmonton, died at Lacene, Jan. 16th.

Hon. A. McKenzie has been seriously ill, but is improving. He is unable to leave his room.

The Hanlan and Laycock sculling match has been postponed until to-day.

Keeler, M. P., East Northumberland, died yesterday.

From letters which have appeared in the "Free Press" here, it is evident that Dewdney has furnished Indians flour inferior to that asked for in the tender, in order to give the contract to Baker & Co., in which firm he is said to be interested.

The new Syndicate offer was presented to the House of Commons on the 17th, and is the same as already telegraphed. They have deposited \$1,000,000 security. No vote taken.

A bill to incorporate the Saskatchewan and Hudson's Bay railway has been introduced.

In the Senate Mr. Power moved for copies of correspondence respecting the alleged falsification of statistics submitted as part of the English case of the Fishery Commission which sat at Halifax in 1877—also, a report made by the Commissioner of Fisheries with reference to such alleged falsification.

Agitation against Supreme Court has commenced.

BATTLEFORD, 22nd. Jan.

Mail left for the West at 2 p.m., to-day.

LOCAL.

OVER 300 bushels of grain arrived at the new mill in one day last week.

STURGEON RIVER MILL is running all the time. The turbine is now ready to put in.

FRANK LAMOREAUX commenced threshing again on the 22nd. He has five or six weeks' work yet.

THE Lac La Nonne Stonies are so near starving that some are living (?) on parchment—partly dressed hides.

THE census of St. Albert settlement gives between 270 and 300 as the adult population, not including those taking the treaty.

MESSRS. HARRIS, MURPHY & CONNEES started last week to cut 15,000 rails at the Little Mountain for J. Knowles and others.

THE Little Giant thresher started operations again on Saturday. Some new gearing has been added which will ensure a successful run.

MR ADAMS of Sturgeon River has lost seven horses this winter. He attributes their death to the want of water last fall before the snow fell.

MR T. SMITH has almost completed the necessary buildings, and will start in sawing shingles on the 1st Feby. He is eight miles from Egg Lake.

DONALD McLEOD offers sufficient land for a town hall 40 x 60, or more if necessary, on condition that the building is commenced inside of six months.

MR. GLASS, teacher of the Methodist Mission School here, received a note from the Lieut. Governor's office, Battleford, by last mail informing him that on going through the necessary form, half his salary would be paid from there.

LOCAL.

COAL is selling for \$4 per ton at the pit mouth.

J. EAMER left for the bush on Friday afternoon.

MR. CARLYN left for his Pigeon Lake store on Saturday last.

EDMONTON must have a town hall. Will any one contribute enough land?

AT Fort Pelly, on the night of the 13th inst., the thermometer registered 50 below zero.

THE big mill ground 16 bushels of wheat for Mr. Gullion on Saturday evening, in one hour and five minutes.

LOWEST temperature during the week was 40 below zero on Tuesday, highest, 12 above zero Saturday. Chinook wind on Sunday.

MR. SIMPSON, D. L. S., is still at Battleford. He forwarded the petition asking for a survey in this district, to Ottawa some time ago.

A LARGE train of grain arrived from Lac Ste. Anne at the new mill Saturday. All but twenty bushels of the nineteen sleigh loads was raised by treaymen.

J. R. MATHESON arrived at Fort Saskatchewan with freight from Ellice on the 8th. He brought the balance of the turbine wheel machinery for the Sturgeon River mill.

A MINIATURE fire at this office on Tuesday morning destroyed property to the value of a dollar and a half. We just mention the fact, to warn people to be very careful with their stoves this cold weather.

THE Indians at White Lake under Chief Alexis are starving, and killed another work ox last week. This makes the second killed by this band in ten days, while both Samson and Ermine Skin have had one each killed at Peace Hills. Dear beef to the Government.

BIRTHS.

AT Victoria, on the 8th inst., while on her way home on foot from a visit, in the snow alone, the daughter of "The Upright Walker," of a boy. Mother and child are doing well—the mother so well that she was chopping wood next day.

FOR SALE.—The trotting mare "Nelly" and two colts, one rising three—the other two years old. A bargain for cash. Apply at Fort.

W. LESLIE WOOD.

STOVES FOR SALE CHEAP.—One combined Parlor and Cook Stove, and one No. 9, Cook Stove with furniture. Apply at Frank Oliver's.

J. R. MATHESON.

CANADIAN ALMANACS.—Pocket Diaries for 1881, and School Books, received by last mail at

FRANK OLIVER'S.

READY BY NEXT MAIL.—The Ordinances of the North-West Territories, complete to date. Price \$1 in paper covers, \$1 25 half bound. For sale by Frank Oliver, Edmonton, and at "The Herald" office Battleford.

LOST CATTLE.—Lost probably around the Barracks, a well built red and white cow. Also, 2 heifers coming two years old. One red, marked with white on the belly, and the other entirely red. Also a little red mare with a white spot in the centre of her forehead. Whoever will give information respecting any of the above to Phillip Whitford at the Hermitage will be well rewarded.

JAMES HALY & CO.,—Fort Saskatchewan. General Assortment of DRY GOODS and GROCERIES. Highest Cash Price paid for Fur.

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TEN DOLLARS REWARD.—Strayed from the H. B. C. horse guard, near Sturgeon river, about the 15th of August, a sorrel mare, 4 or 5 years old, white star on the forehead about the size of a half dollar piece, 14 hands high, branded W F on high shoulder and high hip. Any person bringing said mare to Frank Oliver's will receive the above reward, cash.

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Proprietors.

JOHN A. McDUGALL, Manager.—dec. 13.—11.

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D. M. McDUGALL.

LOCAL.

MR. ABRAHAM SELWYN has been appointed interpreter at the Indian office here.

ANOTHER train load of grain arrived from Lac Ste. Anne on Wednesday last.

THE H. B. Company, received 2,000 white fish from Pigeon Lake on Thursday last.

ABOUT half the population of Fort Saskatchewan visited Edmonton—the centre of trade—last week.

HAS any one heard anything more of the cavalry troop which was to be enrolled at Edmonton last year?

THE ball on Tuesday night at the palatial residence of William Ward, Esq., near the Two Hills, was well attended.

A FIRE at Fort Saskatchewan on the 13th inst., partially destroyed the roof of Sergt. Major Belcher's new house.

JAMES PRICE of Fort Saskatchewan and W. G. Ibbotson of Sturgeon River, have traded claims, Ibbotson giving \$50 to boot.

THE St. Albert Mission lately gave 375 meals in six days to starving Indians—although they are not obliged to do so by the treaty.

MESRS. NORRIS & Logan have commenced hauling logs to the new mill, from the vicinity of Long Lake. They expect to deliver 5,000 in this way.

MR. McAULEY and family left on Tuesday last, for the woods, up the river, where he is taking out logs for the H.B.C. He has five men employed.

THE Edmonton mill men wish it to be understood that the name of that locality is not Slab Town, but Glen Norris. Glen Nancy would be more appropriate.

It has been ascertained beyond a doubt, by the Indian Department, that their wards are starving, and as a consequence, an increase of rations has been ordered from the local office.

OVER \$30 has been raised to supply the Methodist Mission Church with wood and oil for the winter. As the whole of this will not be needed, it is proposed to apply the balance on a fund for the purchase of an organ.

SHARPHEAD's wife and three children are so weakened by starvation that they cannot stand. His band is coming in from Hay Lakes, by the way of Beaver Hills, and provisions were sent out to them on Wednesday last.

CHIEF ALEXIS thinks the Queen's country must be a fine one. About three years ago he was promised presents from her in the fall, and now he says, we have had three falls and winters here, while there, they have not had a fall yet.

It is to be hoped Ermine Skin will not get another reserve on Stony Plain, on the flimsy excuse that as trouble is likely to occur with the Plain Indians at any time he wishes to be on the north side of the river, so that he will be away from it.

A man named Gladieu, employed by J. R. Matheson, was severely kicked in the face by a horse on Sunday morning last while driving past Mr. James Rowland's. A gash was cut through both lips, his nose was badly bruised and three teeth broken in the jaw.

LOUIS KOOTERAY, who came here with grain to the mill, from Lac Ste. Anne, lost his horse, sleigh, and load on Monday night last, to a gentleman named Lazarus who occupies a tent near the Fort. The particular stripe of tiger he was fighting, consists of the pigeon trying to guess which of the snapper's hands contains the pea, or joker.

LAST April Messrs. Norris & Logan sent east their vouchers for Indian supplies, amounting to \$500, and in July sent another \$300 of them the same way. Nothing more has ever been heard of them. This is the way the Government pays for produce which cost the contractors hard cash. A number of the residents of Edmonton can tell the same tale, as they have all suffered alike.

THE bonus to Dr. Verey had reached the sum of \$130 at last accounts. It speaks well for the healthfulness of the district, that in a population of over 2,000 souls, a first class doctor cannot get business enough to make it worth his while to keep a stock of medicines on hand, and it also speaks well for the energy and foresight of the people, and their confidence in the ability of the doctor, when they are willing to provide him with medicines, in case necessity for his services should arise.

THERE is no use of growling, but it is the frozen truth that last year there was more grain in the country than now, and only one small four horse power thresher, while the weather was a great deal worse, and yet at this time, the greater part of the threshing was done, while this year with the old machine, a new eight horse power and a sixteen horse power steam thresher, work is not nearly so far advanced, and the prospects for those whose grain is yet unthreshed are very bad. Between twelve and fifteen thousand bushels of grain are yet in the stacks and none of the machines are running.

A Prince Albert correspondent of the Saskatchewan "Herald" says about a wedding feast—"A feature of the occasion was the massive but beautiful bridal cake, with its fine architectural symmetry delicately frosted, reaching to misty heights above the heads of the seated guests around the festive board." If he breaks out in such a rhapsody over a stack of frozen wheat flour bannocks, what words would portray his ecstasy were he permitted to revel in the delights of a sack of soft grease pemmican, such as used to form the "pierre de resistance," [Anglice—"Main bolt"] on similar occasions in that locality in the by gone happy days before the Canadians came or the buffalo were far, boy.

THE boys at Battleford have had a game-shooting match, in which mountain sheep counted 20 points. It should have counted a million as a man at Battleford would need a "weepin" having a range of about 500 miles before he would have a reasonable chance of killing one.

THE British steamer Oceanic sailed from San Francisco on Nov. the 8th last, for Hong Kong, having on board 850 Chinamen. Joy be with them.

A white mink was recently caught near Bracebridge Ont., the skin of which, is valued at \$100.

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Will be published at Edmonton every Monday morning, from the 1st of December until the 1st of May. Subscription for the season \$2.00. Season advertisements, \$5.00 per inch. No advertisement inserted for less than one dollar. Business cards, not over four lines \$2.50. Mr. F. Wilson, at the H. B. C. store, Edmonton, and Mr. P. H. Belcher, at Fort Saskatchewan, will take subscriptions and advertisements. TAYLOR & OLIVER, Proprietors.

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THE NEW SYNDICATE.

After all the talk about the difficulty of getting the syndicate of foreign capitalists to take hold of the Pacific railway scheme, and the immense amount of wealth necessary to carry it through, a Company of Canadians only offers to do the same work for twelve per cent less bonus, without exemption from duty or taxation, and to deposit double the amount of security. So far, so good. If there is any profit, legitimate or otherwise, to be made, by all means let it be kept in the country, instead of being scattered abroad to the four winds of heaven.

Although this offer is incomparably more favorable than that of the first Syndicate, the great injustice of making the present and future settlers of the North-West, pay for the whole road, and of locking up the land now to pay for parts of the road at present unnecessary to the last degree, and which will not be built for many years, yet remains. The parts of the road to the north of Lake Superior and through British Columbia, are not needed until the North-West is developed and are not necessary to its development; and if the North-West were once settled, as it will be soon enough if the railway is pushed through it, and a liberal land policy pursued, these portions of the line could be built with the aid of a small bonus, just as the Sault road can be built now. But if the eastern cities and provinces want these parts built at once, for their own benefit, no one in the North-West will question their right to have it done—by paying for it themselves.

To make a bargain by which the country pays for the road a decade before it is built or needed, and by which the people least able to bear the burden are loaded with the whole of it, is a folly and an iniquity that will only too soon bring its own punishment.

The McLean Brothers and Hare, of Kamloops, who murdered Ussher and Kelly last summer have been found guilty, and were sentenced to be hanged on Jan. 17th.

Work on contract 15 is suspended for the winter. Epizootic is booming in Winnipeg.

COLONISTS.

The Minister of Agriculture has submitted a scheme to the Imperial Government for the removal of such families in the distressed districts in Ireland as may desire to emigrate to the North-West—the English Government to pay their passage out, and the Dominion to grant them homesteads, with cattle, implements and seed. It is a puzzler to know, after the Syndicate land, the Government railway land, the different colonization railways' land, the English, French and Canadian speculators' land, the H. B. C. land, the School land, the Half-breed reserve land, the Indian reserve land, the different religious missions' land and the present and future free settlers', or squatters' land is allotted, where the homesteads for these destitute Irishmen are to be found. Perhaps the idea of the Government is that as they have been used to farms of ten or twelve acres at home they will be satisfied with the same amount here—that they will not be as greedy as those insatiable Canadians, who demand 160 acres—no less—and as much more as they can get, and who foolishly think that he who needs the land most and will use it the most has the best right to it, and that he who first makes the land productive should have the first chance of ownership. But, if room can be found for them, it is to be hoped that they will come in thousands and tens of thousands; for, when the time arrives that this country must rid itself of those blood sucking land monopolies, there are no men who are likely to do better service in the good cause than these same wild Irishmen from the county Galway.

SCHOOLS.

An advertisement in the last Saskatchewan "Herald," announces that the Dominion Government will, after the 1st January, 1881, pay half the salary of any school teacher in the North-West, whose average daily attendance is not less than fifteen pupils. Indians, whose education is otherwise provided for by the Government, are not to be included. The school register is to be certified to by two parents whose children are attending the school. Salary payable quarterly or half-yearly. Blank registers and all information can be had on application to the Lieutenant-Governor's office, Battleford.

Additional help is also to be given to schools on Indian reserves, the aid to teachers' salaries being raised from \$300 to \$500 per year, according to the attendance.

It is impossible to commend in too strong terms the above action on the part of the Dominion Government. The beneficial effect that such a liberal policy will have on the present and future populations of this country will repay a thousand fold the small outlay at present necessary.

The population of the Cariboo mines during last summer, devoted all their attention to hydraulic mining, and the quantity of gold taken out exceeded the yield for many years past.